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SUBJECT: NIEHOUS KIDNAPPING

REF: STATE 240925

1. EMBASSY BELIEVES AP ITEM CARRIED IN TOLEDO BLADE SEPT 28 WAS PROBABLY BASED ON ARTICLE THAT APPEARED IN SEPT 27 ISSUE OF CARACAS NEWSPAPER EL NACIONAL WITH HEADLINE "NIEHOUS IS ALIVE AND IN VENEZUELA." AS ARTICLE ITSELF POINTS OUT, THIS ASSERTION IS BASED ON POLICE SPECULATION THAT THE KIDNAPPERS SEIZED NIEHOUS FOR RANSOM IN THE FIRST PLACE AND THAT THEY WOULD NOT KILL HIM AS LONG AS THERE WAS ANY HOPE OF COLLECTING RANSOM. IN FACT, THE POLICE HAVE NO REPEAT NO INFORMATION REGARDING NIEHOUS. THE LAST COMMUNICATION FROM NIEHOUS WAS A LETTER DATED JULY 5 RECEIVED ON JULY 9. EMBASSY BELIEVES THE HEADLINE OF EL NACIONAL ARTICLE WAS A HOOKER TO GET PEOPLE TO READ THE ARTICLE AND THEREBY PUBLICIZE ONCE AGAIN MRS. NHOUS' OFFER AUGUST 11 OF A BS. 2 MILLION REWARD FOR INFORMATION LEADING TO NIEHOUS.

2. EMBASSY IS PREPARING COMPLETE SUMMARY OF NIEHOUS CASE WHICH WILL BE SENT TO DEPARTMENT BY AIRGRAM.
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